



### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FILING PROVISION

- ☒ This IDS is believed to be timely in that it is being submitted under 37 CFR 1.97(b), that is (1) within three months of the filing date of the application, which is not continued prosecution application filed under § 1.53(d); or (2) within three months of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 CFR § 1.491; or (3) before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits; or (4) before the mailing of a first Office Action after filing a request for continued examination under § 1.114. Thus, no fee is required.
- ☐ However, if the undersigned is in error in this regard, Applicant respectfully requests that the Office consider this IDS as filed under 37 CFR § 1.97(c), if applicable, and charge the fee due under 37 CFR § 1.17(p) to the Deposit Account referenced below.
- ☐ However, if the undersigned is in error in this regard, Applicant respectfully requests that the Office consider this IDS as filed under 37 CFR § 1.97 (c), if applicable, and a statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(e) is included below, thus no fee is required.
- ☐ This IDS is being submitted under 37 CFR § 1.97(c), that is after mailing of a first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Action under 37 CFR 1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under 37 CFR § 1.311.
- ☐ The fee due under 37 CFR § 1.17(p) is submitted herewith.
- ☐ A statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(e) is included below, thus no fee is required. In the event that this IDS is not received before a Final Action or a Notice of Allowance, then Applicant respectfully requests that the Office consider the filing of these papers to be submitted under 37 CFR § 1.97(d) and charge the fee due under 37 CFR § 1.17(p) to the Deposit Account below.

- ☐ This IDS is being submitted under 37 CFR § 1.97(d), that is after Final Action under 37 CFR § 1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under 37 CFR § 1.311, but before the payment of the Issue Fee. A statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(e) is included below. The fee due under 37 CFR § 1.17(p) is submitted herewith.


**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97(e):**

- ☐ Each item contained in this IDS was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS.
- ☐ No item contained in this IDS was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing this statement after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this IDS was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS.

**PAYMENT AND/OR AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE FEES:**

- ☐ A check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed for the above fee(s).
- ☐ Please charge \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. **50-2075** for the above fee(s).
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees required by the filing of these papers, and to credit any overpayment to Procopio's Deposit Account No. **50-2075**.

Respectfully submitted,

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	C	US 2002/0136942	09/26/02	Kashiwagi	429	34	03/13/02
	D	US 2002/0192519	12/19/02	Fujita et al.	429	23	06/17/02
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